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The Organization of the Executive Departments
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STATE DEPARTMENT.

The whole machinery employed to conduct the business arising out of our foreign relations with all the powers of the world is for more simple than is generally conceived. The number employed in the department of State is, however, only sufficient, as follows: one Secretary of State, (Hon. Lewis Cass,) one chief clerk, and one messenger; one Auditor, one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one transcriptor, and one librarian.

Diplomatic Bureau.—This branch of the State Department—an important committee between the diplomatic and other diplomatic agents of the United States—consists of three of their principal diplomatic agents of the United States, and those of their principal agents accredited to this department; in all diplomatic instructions sent from the department, and communications to commissioners under treaties of hostility, &c., are prepared, copied, and recorded; and all such documents received or transmitted are filed, and first entered in systematical tables or index.

Consular Bureau.—This branch has charge of the correspondence, &c., between the department and the commercial and mercantile agents of the United States, and is intended to receive all answers and reports from the Consuls, &c., prepared by their respective agents, or to furnish to them persons acting as their agents, or to furnish to consular agents, are prepared and recorded.

The Disbursing Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence and other matters connected with accounts relating to any fund with the disbursement of which the department is charged.

The Auditor.—He is charged with furnishing such information as the department may require, concerning the condition of the Senate, the House, and the various committees, when no audit is open, upon which examinations are issued.

Clark of Accounts and Comptroller.—He makes out and records commissions, letters of appointment, and returns of the Senate, the House, and the various committees, on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Clark of the Posts and Archives.—He takes charge of the rolls, or enrolled acts and resolutions of Congress, as they are received at the department from the President; prepares the authenticated copies thereof, which are called for, and superintends the printing of the same, and their distribution throughout the United States, and that of all documents and publications in regard to which this duty is assigned to the department; and answers all letters and inquiries relative thereto. His class of all business is connected with the same.

Clark of Authentication and Copyrights.—He has charge of the seals of the United States and of the department, and prepares and attaches certificates to papers presented for authentication, and sends them to the department; receives the same from the department, and retains the latter relating to copyrights; records and indexes all letters from the department, other than those of the diplomatic and consular.

Clark of Passports and Passports.—He prepares and records passes and warrants; and negotiates with the postmaster and post office on which they are issued. Makes out and records passports; prepares a daily register of all letters, and sends them to the department, and of the disposition made of them; prepares letters relating to this business.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Hon. Jeremiah S. BLACK, Attorney General of the United States; R. Hill, esq., chief clerk. The ordinary business of this office may be classified under the heads of:

1. Applications for pardons in all cases of conviction in the courts of the United States.

2. The conduct and removal of all suits in the Supreme Court of the United States, in which the government is concerned.

3. The ordinary business of the office of the Attorney General.

4. Applications for patents in all the judicial and legal business of the government.

5. The conduct and removal of all suits in the circuit and district courts of the United States.

6. The ordinary business of the office of the Attorney General.

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